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**HAWAI`I STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFERS NEW ONE STOP
WEB PAGE FOR PANDEMIC FLU INFORMATION**

HONOLULU – The Hawai`i State Department of Health (DOH), this week launched a new web page on www.hawaii.gov/health that provides resources for comprehensive information about Avian Flu and preparing for the possibility of a global outbreak, or pandemic, of the flu. The site combines resources from multiple agencies at the local, state and federal levels and organizes it for various groups, including businesses, governments, the agricultural community and for individual citizens.

“Although there is no pandemic, and avian flu has not developed in the United States, it is important for everyone to know how to prepare their families, friends, coworkers and neighbors and what to do in case of a pandemic” said Health Director Chiyome Fukino, M.D.

DOH has been leading efforts in Hawai`i to educate the public about the difference between seasonal flu, avian flu and a pandemic, and to provide local governments and decision makers with tools and tips they can use to prepare for the possibility of a pandemic. Our goal is to provide the most current and comprehensive information regarding the outbreak of Avian Flu in Europe and Asia, and tips about how we all can prepare for the significant impact a pandemic would have here in Hawaii.

The web site draws information from national response plans and resources on the federal pandemic flu website, www.pandemicflu.gov, and augments these with Hawaii specific information compiled from various state agencies and the Hawaii State Department of Health. The public may also submit their pandemic flu questions to fluinfo@doh.hawaii.gov.

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